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## THE CARNIVAL MENACE.

### Danger to Small Communities Pointed Out.

The popular mind judges civic morality largely in terms of density of population, and in a measure it is right, says a writer in Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent. However, there are some things for which the moral consciousness of the big "immortal" city won't stand but for which the small town or small city or rural community will. Recently, for example, ten men were bound over by a New York city court for trial in a higher tribunal on the charge of operating an improper amusement venture. Yet the kind of amusement for the production of which they were held as criminals is not only permitted in the vast majority of small towns and cities but is welcome at places, such as agricultural fairs, where rural people come chiefly for diversion and entertainment.

The ten men operated what is known as a "carnival show." Inspector Henry stated that both the governor and the mayor had directed that such affairs be prevented. He declared that 99 per cent of the attendants were children under 17. "As a result of this condition," the inspector said, "carnivals are a great menace to any community for they are invariably improperly conducted."

"The reason why traveling carnival companies always come to a town under the auspices of some local popular organization is because they all violate one or more sections of the State laws which prohibit lotteries, games of chance, gambling and indecent shows, and they need the influence of some local organization to protect them from police interference." That statement is from O. R. Miller, superintendent of the New York Civic League, which has made extensive investigations of "carnival shows" and as a result has been endeavoring to have them outlawed—as they have been in a great many communities and, partially, in one State. Parenthetically, it is interesting to note that that State, South Carolina, outlaws them except when they operate at agricultural fairs, where, all agree, their worst features generally are in greatest evidence! The law protects the "boobs" of the town and city, leaving those of the rural districts to the tender mercies of the sharps who operate the "concessions" which are inseparable features of traveling carnivals.

"In our long experience in fighting these evils we have never known of a traveling carnival company which was not largely a combination of gamblers and lewd women," declared Mr. Miller. "The demoralizing effect of such carnivals is seldom realized by the people of the town. The disastrous results to the moral and physical health of the young men, where one of the carnivals spends a week, cannot be eradicated by the efforts of the churches in a whole year."

"In a Pennsylvania town," is stated, the physicians traced 342 cases of certain types of disease to a traveling carnival company! "How often you have known or read of some girl being enticed away by a carnival or fair show," says an ex-concessionaire in the "Confessions of a Fair Fak'er," published in The Country Gentleman. "Hundreds of farm girls have disappeared that way, swallowed up in the unhealthy, degrading life of the lowest type of carnival show."

Last year in Chicago, a carnival show operator was fined \$4,000 and given a 20 year sentence in the penitentiary for violating the Mann (white slave) act. Four girls, all from small towns in the Middle West, were involved, all being with the man at the time of the arrest.

"Men of your type are a menace to the community at large," said the judge in passing sentence. "You should not be permitted to come into contact with society and it is only too bad that the law covering your offense is not more drastic. The death pen-

## READY FOR THE FOURTH.

All arrangements have been completed by Eli Bailes post, American Legion, for the biggest celebration of the Fourth of July, next Tuesday, Fort Mill has ever known. Hundreds of visitors are expected to come from other sections of York county and from Lancaster and Chester counties to join the ex-service men and the citizens of the town generally in making the celebration a success.

A feature of the day's exercises will be an address at the picnic grounds, in the rear of the residence of Mrs. Mary Ardrey, by the Hon. W. F. Stevenson, member of Congress from the Fifth congressional district. At 10 o'clock in the morning a reception will be given for Mr. Stevenson at the Legion club rooms.

Following the picnic dinner, a competitive drill between the Fort Mill and Rock Hill National Guard companies will be held on the picnic grounds, where there also will be athletic contests for which cash prizes will be given.

In the afternoon a baseball game will be played between the Fort Mill and Waxhaw teams and beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until 11 p. m. the patriotic war picture, "Lafayette, We Come," will be shown at the Majestic theater.

The committee on arrangements is in correspondence with one of the best bands in this section and expects to secure its services for the day.

## Locals Defeat Great Falls.

Saturday afternoon for the first time this season the Fort Mill ball team showed a flash of its old form and took the Great Falls boys into camp, 3 to 2, on the local grounds. Fort Mill scored twice in the first inning and again in the third, which ended their run-getting for the afternoon. During the remaining six innings the home team boys tried hard to put other runners across, but there was always a Great Falls man in the way to block their efforts.

Up to the ninth inning Great Falls had been unable to score, but in that inning, thanks to an error by a Fort Mill player and three hits, was able to stave off the scoreless defeat which it appeared was headed in their direction. The miscue and the safeties produced 2 runs for the visitors.

Andral Ferguson pitched a good game for the locals up to the ninth inning, when he seemed to weaken. Carson and Cooper did the box work for Great Falls.

The next game between Fort Mill and Great Falls will be played at Great Falls Saturday afternoon.

Commutation road tax must be paid by July 1. There are only a few more days.

Misses Elizabeth and Frances May Mills and Martha and Eva Dell Dyches were visitors in Rock Hill Monday.

It is none too good for men of your ilk and caliber. But it might be a lesson to men of your vocation and business who have been plying this nefarious trade.

"You go into communities, fill up young and unsuspecting girls with embellished tales of the wonders of the opportunities of the carnival show business; you tell them how they will make money in abundant quantities and how jewels and fine clothes will be showered upon them by the thousands of admirers they will meet in the towns they visit. They listen to your tales, do not know any better, fall and then come into the trap to be held at your mercy."

"I will sound a warning to men of your business in the most drastic terms I know, and that is by giving you the limit under the law, and I hope that this warning will echo throughout the carnival world and that it will be heeded to the extent of keeping these men away from this part of the country unless they want to take the consequences which may be worse than those you have to take."

## NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

### Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Friends of Dr. I. J. Campbell of Clover are trying to persuade him to be a candidate for the house of representatives.

People who have building in mind should get at it without further delay. Prices are quite reasonable now and they will be higher before they are lower.

Not more than 50 bales of cotton were sold on the local market last week, according to Robert E. McClure, public weigher. Mr. McClure said Monday that indications were that there would not be a great deal of cotton sold this week.

"I hope," said Secretary Fewell of the York County Fair association, the other day, "that farmers in the county will think to save unusually good shocks of wheat and oats for display at the York county fair this fall. The way to do it is to save the shocks after they are cut and tied by putting them in some safe place where they are safe from rats and mice. Heretofore the fair has been short on exhibits of this kind because the farmers have not taken the precaution to care for them. I am hopeful that they will keep it in mind."

Interest in county and State politics is beginning to warm up in Rock Hill. Around a number of the stores the principal topic of conversation is politics these days. Enrollment at the five precincts in Rock Hill is progressing steadily now, although the women are not showing much inclination to put their names on the rolls. Candidates for county offices are spending quite a bit of time in Rock Hill and vicinity. Rock Hill politicians are beginning to talk up their favorites and the old political pot which has been simmering is now beginning to show signs of percolation.

Construction work has been started on the community house being erected for the benefit of the residents of the Hawthorne mill village, Clover. The community house which will be a brick structure is located in the rear of the Hawthorne athletic field on the southern outskirts of town. The understanding is that the building will be used for all kinds of community activities at the Hawthorne and religious services will also be held there. It will also be available for employees of the Hawthorne mill, it is stated. While no steps have been taken in that direction yet, it is expected that a community worker will be employed later on.

Interviews with leading farmers around Clover develop the information that the boll weevil is not numerous in that section and while a few have been found in some of the fields, it takes a pretty diligent search to find them. While the farmers are keeping a sharp lookout for weevils, most of them are confident that unless he appears in much greater numbers later on in the year than he has developed so far, his hosts are not going to do any great amount of damage to the crop this year in this section.

Mr. J. E. Lowry has returned to his home in Yorkville, after attending the Confederate reunion in Richmond, Va. Mr. Lowry reports a pleasant trip and a general good time. "I guess they were there, but I didn't see a single York county veteran," said Mr. Lowry. "Veterans attending the reunion were quartered in the homes of Richmond people this time and were not located in tents as had been the custom at a number of former reunions. The veterans were accorded the finest of hospitality by Richmond people and everything possible was done to make them have a good time. All was quiet and sober and there was no evidence of liquor."

Solicitor J. K. Henry of Chester is expected to be a candidate at the next session of the General Assembly for judge of the Sixth judicial circuit to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Judge Moore of Lancaster.

## CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

### Christian Endeavorers in Session at Presbyterian Church.

More than 100 delegates, from various Presbyterian churches in York, Lancaster and Chester counties, are attending the seventh annual convention of the York District Christian Endeavor union, in session today and tomorrow at the Fort Mill Presbyterian church. Among those in attendance are a number of men and women prominent in Christian Endeavor work in the State and district.

The first session of the convention was held at 10:30 o'clock this morning and was presided over by J. Arthur Flannagan of Bowling Green, president of the State union. The Rev. John C. Bailey, pastor of Ebenezer Presbyterian church, is taking a prominent part in the work of the convention and at each session is delivering a talk on "The Endeavorer in the Home, the Community, the Church and the World."

At the session this morning inspiring addresses were delivered by the Rev. H. D. Corbett of Bowling Green, the Rev. R. C. Long of Gastonia, N. C., Miss Alice Gettys of Tirzah and J. Clyde Plexico of Sharon. At the session this afternoon the Junior Christian Endeavor program will be given, at which a feature will be a debate between intermediate Endeavorers from the Ebenezer and Bowling Green societies.

This evening the convention will listen to an address by the Rev. E. A. Lapsey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia. Mr. Lapsey's subject will be, "The Christian Endeavor the Training Ground of the Church." Another feature of the session this evening will be an address by S. Wilkes Dendy, one of the C. E. field secretaries for the South.

Mr. Dendy will again address the convention Friday morning and the McConnellsville society will present a missionary program. The final session of the convention will be held tomorrow afternoon, at which the election of officers will take place and an address will be delivered on "The Endeavorer as a Steward" by the Rev. W. H. Hudson, D. D., missionary to China.

### Tried to Save Girl Friend.

Local interest was added to the story recently sent out from St. Petersburg, Fla., telling of the heroic efforts of Miss Mary Bruner of that city to save the life of Miss Dorothy McClatchie in Tampa bay when it was recalled that Miss Bruner is a niece of George Ainrey, who had made his home in Fort Mill for several years up to a few months ago. Miss Bruner visited at the home of Mr. Ainsley here about three years ago. Miss McClatchie was attacked by a sea tiger, a vicious species of fish, and Miss Bruner went to her rescue and for 45 minutes held the limp form of Miss McClatchie above water until a boat could arrive. Miss McClatchie died of her injuries. Will make it look like a NEW

### Chance to Enter Clemson.

The attention of young men interested in a technical education is directed to the Clemson college announcement which appears in another column of The Times this week.

York county is entitled to five four-year scholarships and one one-year scholarship. Last year the following young men from this county were at Clemson on scholarships: J. M. Cook, H. E. Robinson, L. E. Horton, W. G. Gordon, W. H. Barton and H. S. Glenn.

For the session of 1922-23, there are two four-year scholarships and one one-year agricultural course scholarships vacant for ambitious York county boys.

### "Mac" After the Devil.

Declaring that he intended to conduct such a revival as will give the devil high blood pressure, "Cyclone" MacLendon last Sunday afternoon opened a four weeks' revival meeting at Rockingham, N. C., before an audience of 4,500 people.

## BUSINESS MEN NEEDED.

### Senate of United States Well Supplied with Fine Talkers.

Writing to The Times from Washington, where he is now making his home, Zach Spratt, Fort Mill man, expresses the following opinions relative to the sort of men needed in the United States senate:

"The senate of the United States is well supplied with excellent speakers, who never have an audience. There seems to be a lack of constructive action and leadership."

"South Carolina needs the services of a level headed business man to represent her in the United States senate."

"Senator Dial has been successful in the cotton mill business and other business enterprises. His counsel, in committee, will be heeded. He should be reelected."

Along with his letter to The Times, Mr. Spratt sends the following clipping from the Washington Times of last Thursday: "An advantage which England possesses over this country is that she has a Parliament of business men, while we have a Congress of lawyers."

"Lawyers by their training and experience are too likely to be obstructionists, devotees of precedent, worshipers of the past. Lawyers are not to be depended upon to supply leadership in a changing, progressive world, where the past must be put behind and new precedents must be made."

"This is a business country. It ought to have a business Congress. It will be a great thing for America when our ablest business men feel an obligation to devote to the service of their country the leisure afforded them by their large share of the country's prosperity."

### Death of Mrs. Jas. T. Young.

Following an illness which had extended over two years, during much of which she was confined to her room, Mrs. Frances Lee Young, wife of Jas. T. Young, died at her home in Fort Mill Friday morning at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Young had returned to her home only a few weeks ago from Rochester, Minn., where she was a patient for some time at a hospital and it was thought that the treatment she received there had improved her condition, but for the week preceding her death she had continually grown weaker until her family realized that the end was not far off.

Mrs. Young was 44 years old and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee of Fort Mill. She and Mr. Young were married 27 years ago and to them four children were born, one a daughter, who died in infancy several years ago. She was a devoted wife and mother and a kind and obliging neighbor and her death is greatly deplored in the community. Mrs. Young joined the Fort Mill Baptist church many years ago and had taken an active interest in church work. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and for ten years was the secretary of the Woman's Missionary union.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Jas. T. Young, Jr., Arthur Young and Kenneth Young; her father and mother, and five brothers and one sister, as follows: J. H. Lee of Texas, Capt. T. K. Lee of Birmingham, the Rev. R. G. Lee of Chester, D. F. Lee of Chester, S. A. Lee of Fort Mill and Miss Fair Lee of Fort Mill.

The funeral services were held at the home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Mrs. Young's pastor, the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, assisted by the Rev. R. G. Lee and the Rev. R. H. Viser, in the presence of many friends of the family. The burial was in the Fort Mill cemetery.

### Few Women Register.

According to information received in York up to Saturday night, enrollment of voters in the county for the Democratic primary next August is proceeding very slowly. About 200 had enrolled at the two clubs in York, of whom only about 40 were women.

## WORKS IN WET WEATHER.

### Weevil Busy Then as Cotton Farmer Should Be.

The United States department of agriculture says that if the cotton farmer expects to whip the boll weevil, he must show as much energy as the weevil does—which means that though the operation may be both difficult and unpleasant, poisoning must be done even when the plants are wet and the ground muddy. The department finds that, during the critical stage, poisoning with calcium arsenate should be done at intervals of about four days. Two or three applications, made in good weather, may have got the weevils under control. Then there comes a rainy spell and the farmer lets the time for poisoning pass while he waits for fair weather.

But that is exactly the time the weevil is busiest. The numbers are likely to increase so rapidly that the control already gained is lost. In that event, the weevil inflicts about as much damage as if no poisoning had been done, and the farmer loses, in addition, the amount he has spent in poisoning operations. The only way to prevent that sort of thing is to let wet weather interfere as little as possible with poisoning operations. Stick to the schedule, the department advises, regardless of weather conditions.

It is admitted, of course, that the work of poisoning the boll weevil cannot be done successfully in pouring rain, but the farmer, the specialists urge, should take advantage of the earliest opportunity to get back into the field after the rain, that he should make every effort to get the cotton again dusted regularly, even though fair weather does not seem certain. He can afford, they say, to put on poison even in unsettled weather. It may be washed off again shortly, but on the other hand the weather, even when it looks most threatening, may stay fair long enough to allow weevil control to operate. Every farmer, it is pointed out, must expect to lose some poison by rain, but the operation is sufficiently profitable to justify it.

### Women Urged to Enroll.

The Times is in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Annie Gaines Williams of Greenwood, chairman of the South Carolina League of Women Voters, in which it is requested to impress upon the women of this section the necessity of placing their names on the Democratic club rolls, so that they may take part in the Democratic primary to be held in August for State and county officers.

"The timidity and indifference of the newly enfranchised voter will, in many instances," says Mrs. Williams, "outweigh her sense of responsibility in the matter unless she is made to realize that it is a moral obligation to vote and that voting is not a question of preference but a bounden duty."

### Roses Principal Industry.

Although Bulgaria produces the usual grains, fruits, tobacco and live stock of its part of the world, it is best known for its extensive culture of roses for the manufacture of the famous and valuable attar of roses. The number of acres of roses cultivated for this purpose in Bulgaria has approached 20,000. An acre produces about 4,020 pounds of rose petals, but this great bulk of petals yields only about 20 ounces of attar. The saleable product from a whole acre is therefore little more than a pound. This much sought essence, however, is worth from \$60 up per pound in Bulgaria and many times more than that in foreign countries.

### McGowan to Hold York Court.

Saturday, Governor Harvey appointed Frank P. McGowan of Laurens to be special judge to hold the July term of court of general sessions for York county, beginning July 10, instead of Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster, who died a few weeks ago. The appointment was made on the recommendation of Chief Justice Gary.